

# La Conquista

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You wake up, your eyes are heavy and your head hurts. You don't know where you are. After waking up completely, you realize you're on the floor, next to your bed.

"That explains the headache"

You say, standing up and walking towards the kitchen. You grab some water. While drinking, you look at the clock.

"Oh my god, It's 8:30!"

You wash your face and change your clothes quickly. You don't even brush your teeth.

"I can't be late"

You rush out of your house. You're flying down the streets, until you realize.

"Bro, am I stupid? There's no school today"

You walk back home to realize you have left your phone at home. Once you get home, the first thing you do is grab your phone. You have three missing calls from your mom, one from your dad, and a message from your friend. You are scared of talking to your mom because by now she might think that you are dead or somebody kidnapped you. And for your dad, you know that one missed call from your dad is enough to get a talk with him later. You decide to check your friend's message.

"At least the message is not gonna beat my ass"

You say. Your friend wants you to go to his house. You know that "friend" is good enough that you know that he only calls you because he wants something. You write a message back.

"Bro I'm sorry, I'm going to hang out in my house. You know how my parents are. Not even in a hundred years would they let me go out."

You think that will satisfy your friend's needs, but almost as you put your cell phone down. Your friend sends you a message back. Your friend's message says:

“Bro don't be like that. I bet you can sneak out of your house and by the time your parents return from work, it will be like you never left.”

You think, and think... You start writing another message.

“Alright”

The message your friend sent you changed your mind about the situation. That easy you make sure not to forget your cell phone and start heading to your friend's house. By the time you make it to your friend's house the hour marks 10:05. You bang on the door, and almost one minute later your friend opens the door.

“Bro, what's up?”

You respond.

“Nothing, what's up with you?”

As soon as you look at your friend, you can see a smile start creating on his face. He tells you.

“Bro, I've been planning to explore an abandoned house with more friends. It's gonna be so cool it's a house at like thirty minutes away that has been abandoned since like the '50s.”

You tell him.

“Bro that's the stupidest idea I've heard in my life. Not cause it was scary, just cause that shit sounds like the worst idea to hang out.”

He looks at you mad about what you just said and responds.

“Bro stop acting like a bitch, the girl you like is going to be there, bro. You should be thanking me.”

You change your expression to a happy expression that you immediately try to change. Your friend sees this and says.

“Aaaa, bro I knew that’d make it.”

You ask him.

“So. when are we going?”

Your friend explains the plan, he wants to borrow his parent's car just pick everyone up, and head to the house. He explains to you that the house is really old but it’ll probably be a good idea to watch your step while you are in the house.

You guys start driving toward everyone's home, and you pick around four people one by one until everyone is squished out inside the car. By the time you guys make it the clock marks 5:01. You get scared by the hour but your friend tells you that the car is four hours ahead of time. You calmed down. Everyone makes it to the abandoned house. You get out of the car, and you blush when you see her, but you control yourself by looking in another direction. You guys enter the house by jumping the fence. When is her turn to jump you help her to get up the fence. She says: “Thank you”

You reply “You’re welcome”.

You jump next to catch up with everybody. You guys see that the house has a well in the backyard, this brings your attention because the well looks from medieval times, you think that's weird because America wasn't discovered until 1492. You get close enough to look down into the well, you can't see the bottom, and just like any other thing a person would do in that situation, you grab a rock and throw it down, and you start counting.

“One... two... three... four...”

After twenty seconds you realize that this well has no bottom. You tell your friends.

“Guys this stupid well has no bottom look”

You throw another rock.

“Nah, bro you’re lying”

“Let's start counting”

“One...Two...”

After a couple of minutes have passed and you guys never heard the rock again, you say.

“You see what I’m saying”

“Bro, It makes no sense it's like the movies”

You guys look at each other, while you are leaning on the walls of the well something unexpected happens, the wall collapses you fall inside. While you feel that time stops as you fall you take a look and then as time starts running as normal you keep falling, and falling, and falling... You look at your surroundings and you don't know how you’re not hitting the walls of the well, it's almost as if they weren't there anymore.

You start seeing a small light at the bottom, and it starts getting progressively bigger, and bigger, you don’t know what’s under but it looks like it starting to get closer, you start panicking you could start reaching the bottom, but as it gets closer, you see blue in the hole.

“It's the sky”

You say, as you're getting closer you start slowing down without knowing why. You cross the hole just to get spit out of another well. You look for scratches but you're completely right. You look around. It's a beautiful valley full of green grass, you also notice a city in the far distance.

You go towards the city to look for help still trying to comprehend what has just happened, when you see the first couple of people, you notice they are dressed in some weird old type of clothing like a farmer from like a thousand years ago.

They're just walking through the majestic landscape, but you may think you may be somewhere in Europe like Spain or France. You hear through the distance how they talk but it doesn't sound familiar perhaps it's some sort of ancient Spanish or just with an accent. You keep walking toward the city but you still do not understand why their clothes look so old until you realize that the hole you felt from probably teleported you from the place and time, which could explain why the people look so depressed and sick. You start walking towards the city but to not be seen you go through some small field of plants that are barely any taller than you. Once you get to the city you realize they can't see you with your clothes there not from this time and they are too colorful which could make people think that you are a witch, sorcerer, or just any excuse to send me to jail. You see a beggar at the end of an alley, you think you could steal his clothes, so you sneak on him and when he doesn't expect it, you hit him in the head with a rock but that doesn't knock him out that just hurts him, so he screams of pain until you hit him once more to knock him out for good. You put on his clothes which smell as bad as the worst thing you've ever smelled but then you realize that everyone will think that you are just a beggar or a homeless. You start walking through the streets but people look at you weirdly, you just ignore the looks until you see some people start following you, they do not look like normal people or beggars they're dressed in fancy silver armors, you start running away but because you have no perception of the city you end in a dead end where the guards end up capturing you. You end that same day in jail with no light, where you can hear the screams of torture from other people. You think that you're going to stay at the end stealing a loaf of bread during this time was probably enough to execute somebody, but after some time they take you out, you don't know the reason why they took you out but a lot of other prisoners are being free, you guys are still in cuffs so you think that it might just be because there moving everyone out. Once you finish walking you are at the bay with

many other prisoners. These three boats waiting for you with the Templar cross in the middle of the sail. Then it gets to you, you right now in Spain in 1492 when Columbus departed to India but arrived at what is now known as Cuba. They force you to get on the boat with the other thousand prisoners, you think it's a terrible idea to leave the prisoners without supervision for months. You sailed and once you guys were so far away that the only thing you could see was an ocean to all sides you saw him, he presented himself as Cristopher Columbus the leader of the expedition to find an easier route to India, that's all he says. So you know that the boat never makes it to India and they discover a new continent after that. You start making yure space even do all the prisoners sleep stacked upon each other with no personal space and poor living conditions, you know that for the next weeks will probably be fighting for survival as rations during this boats are almost finished by the time the boats made it to the destination.

It's been a couple of weeks, and some prisoners have gone crazy after being in the middle of the cold Pacific Ocean and decided to throw themselves inside of it to meet their fate. You have to survive just by not engaging in fights and just stinking to do what they ask you to. You don't know how much longer this will take It has been weeks of just watching the infinite ocean, until you see it, birds flying, you know that's a sign that you are getting closer and closer to the destination. A day has passed and all of the prisoners see a spec of land in the distance that you can't even see end on the horizon, everyone gets excited. In a couple of hours, the boat hits the shore, and immediately everyone gets off the boat just to see the massive jungle that forms outside the beach it's almost pitch black inside the jungle no light can enter the trees and palms shade. You see Columbus once again after all these weeks he gets down and starts inspecting the

jungle, and then he shouts let's start making our way through the jungle to find a spot where to make our settlement and once we have that done will push the ship of the water. You just want to be home that's what you've been thinking all this time if you could just find that well where you came from. You and the prisoners remaining are making it through the jungle when out of nowhere you trip into some trench where you see a spot in the jungle where the light is going through the trees and where a well from another time or dimension is just sitting there, you think this makes no sense but you don't care you run towards and jump immediately inside it. The same process as the last time happens everything goes pitch black it looks like you're skydiving into nothing but after a very long time you start seeing the light again. When you come out it looks like you're in the same spot but at night you don't know what to do, you think you're going insane you know that if anything attacks you you're done. You realize you're not in the same spot. The place you are is hotter even at night and the trees are different; they're bigger and light can go through them. You need to find a shelter or a place to see from above, you think maybe climbing into a tree would be a good idea to not stay on the ground where all the predators are and to see from above if there's anything. You see something that drops your jaw is the biggest temple/pyramid you've ever seen in your life, and I mean you've never actually never seen a pyramid in real life, by the location in the middle of the jungle it could only make sense that you're somewhere in Asia or Mexico, but there's smoke and light coming out of it it looks like there's people inside of it. You go towards the city even though you know you're in another time you need to find a way to survive.

You are way closer from the city now, so close that you can hear all the noises of people and things moving around, you want to get closer but the sounds coming from inside the city don't sound normal you can hear the screams of people and the sound of swords or spears being

thrown and swing at people. Now you don't want to go inside the city, matter of fact the moment you realize you start running towards the opposite way as engaging in this battle would be a terrible idea, but when you're running you clash into this man with an iron armor that immediately tackles you and takes you as his prisoner.

“A donde crees que vas soldado, intentando escapar de la zona de batalla”.

You don't understand what he says so you reply.

“No sir i don't understand what you're saying, let me go!!”

“A con que te estás resistiendo”

You realize that this guy must be talking Spanish with a strong Spanish accent. With this information now you realize finally after all this time that you're in the 1500s' as this was the time when the Spanish conquered America by winning the battle against the Aztecs.

He starts taking you towards the battle but you are resisting. You know that if they take in the middle of the battle you won't be available to do anything as you don't know how to fight or defend yourself.

“Let me go”

You say and he doesn't even look at you he just keeps on walking until out of nowhere a person comes down from a tree and stabs the man in the back, thru a gap in his armor, he agonizes but immediately he lets go, you start running without caring who stabs the man or what happens to him.

You keep running through the jungle until you see it again. In the middle of the dense jungle there's another well, you don't hesitate and go right in it. You go through the same process of falling through some sort of another dimension, until you make it out, but this time finally you come back through the same spot you enter the same well. It's dark right now, but it looks like



time didn't really pass. It's been weeks of traveling through the different times but it looks like just hours passed in your respective time. You start walking towards your house, when you finally make it your parents open the door for you.

“Where have you been?”

They sound mad .

“You're grounded without your cellphone for a week”

You asked what time it is. It's just 10:00 p.m. for them you were gone for like 7 hours, that is why they were mad because they just saw you arriving late at your house. You Are happy from seeing them but just like any sane person you never told them about what happened that day because you didn't want them to think you were crazy or out of your mind. Finally your back at home when finally you go to sleep in your bed and try to forget what had happened.